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PAPERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF SAFETY
OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN SOUTH
CAROLINA, JUNE–NOVEMBER, 1775.

[Continued from the October number.]

[70.]

[COL. JOSEPH GLOVER TO HENRY LAURENS.]

Addressed: To
The Hon^{ble} Henry Laurens Esq^r.
President of the Council of Safety—
Chas. Town.

Sept^r 22^d 1775

Sir./

I herewith send my return of the Officers and the Whole of the men, liable to bear Arms in the Colleton County Regiment of Foot under my Command, to the Council of Safety Agreeable to their directions to me. The two Saltcatcher Companys, you will Please Observe are the Largest, and all the male slaves from the age of sixteen to sixty years old,

within the Bounds of those districts don't Exceed one hundred and twenty five, a small Proportion of slaves to the number of whites, Compared with the other Districts, I understand There are some Volunteer Companys formed & others a forming, and that some Commissions have been Obtained from the Council of Safety, without any Application Through me, as directed by your letter of the 26th July to me, although I gave as general a notification as possible thereof. I therefore Cannot Transmitt to you The Officers names of those. And am sorry to inform you the Regiment are Throw'n into the utmost Confusion, by the selecting of those Volunteer Companys. Especially in the patrol service For after the Committee of Intiligence gave information of the Battle at lexington, The Officers of this regiment mett Together and very Cheerfully came to a resolution to do their duty in every respect, The patrol duty was strictly attended to & our domesticks never behaved with more quiet & submission and the Officers never more Elert in Training their men, Implying drillmasters, devideing their men into squads, and striveing who should Excell most in Bringing them on in their Exorcisis. But now the Patrol Service (which is one of the Materialest in the lower districts) Stagnated. In those districts where men are inlisted from are too little or no duty done & in other districts where the rendezvous are kept are over done several Officers have and are giveing up their Commissions they Complain of their men going away from them after being at the Expence & pains of Training them, Just, as they are persuaded or their humour takes them, The majority Consists Chiefly of men whose residence are of no long duration in any district, and will Elect & Palm Officers on the district, many of whom do not know how to Perform their duty, anything Equal to the Officers whom are displaced. It do not lay in my Power to Pirsuade them to keep their Commissions, They observe that they must be Subservant to their mens humours That if Proceeded against for neglect of duty They will go into some Volunteer Companys by which means all subordination and authority must be at an end, the Volunteer Companys, unless Limited to some Bounds or Restricted for

a Certain time, will Plague their Officers. I am Credibly Informed of one mans haveing inlisted in the Fusaleers Company in Cha^s. Town, who is an Overseer at Godfreys savana and have since inlisted in two other Volunteer Companys, his former Officer of the district Ordered him into the ranks (his not having a Certificate) made him stand his Draught, his lott was to hold himself in readiness for the first march. this Shews the necessity of Confineing men to their duty and not to be left in a time of Exegincy to their Voluntary will and Pleasure, I have caused the malitia Troughout this regiment to be draughted agreeable to the Council of Safety's directions, but find The draughts will be all splitt to pieces by the Volunteer Companys now formed and Forming so that I find there will be many remnants of Companys who do not Enter with the Volunteers. Through the regiment Extent about one hundred and Twenty miles. I am at a loss how to Compose those men into a body and fear in any Emergency to be at a greater loss The Volunteer Companys having such a latitude. I have Caused the Council of Safety's Declaration of an alarm, To be Published to Every Company Through the Regiment—I think it my duty to give to the Council of Safety the above Information & state of the Colleton County Regiment as it stands at Present—I am with the utmost Obedience and regard for the Council of Safety—

Sir your Most Obediant Humble Serv^t

Joseph Glover

P. S I have Jus received an order for four Barrils of Powder from you. The Regiment are much in want of Ball and no Bayonets to be had

Endorsed : Jos-Glover. 22 Sept^r.

1775—Rec^d. 24th 55

⁵⁵ From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr. See *The Sunday News*, Charleston, S. C., March 5, 1899.

South Carolina } An Accurate return of the Muster role, in the Colleton County Regiment of Foot
 August ye 5th 1775 } Comd. by Collⁿ Jos^h Glover—

Joseph Glover Colonel—Samuel Ellkott Lieutenant Colonel—James Laroch Major—Joseph Glover Junr. Adjutant.

Districts	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Privates
Edisto Island.....	Joseph Fickling....	John Seabrook & James Clark			
Wadmalaw Island.....	John Wilson.....	John Laroch.....	Wm Smely	2	95
John's Island.....	Thomas Ladson....	Benjamin Mathews.....	Isaac Weight.....	2	53
Stono.....	John Sommers.....	John ⁵⁶	Allen Miles.....	2	47
Willtown.....	William Skirving....	Thomas Osborn.....	Morton Wilkinon	2	63
Beach Hill.....	Wm McLaughlin....	Edward Perry & Richard Perry.....		2	66
Ponpon.....	Isaac Hayne.....	Thomas Roberts.....	Thomas Smith.....	2	41
Chehaw.....	Henry Hyrne.....	Peter B. Guerardeau.....	Thomas Hutchin- son Junr.....	2	78
Round O.....	William Sanders....	William Baker.....	Joseph Glover Junr.....	2	76
Horse Shoe.....	William Clay Suipes.....	John Sanders.....	John Gough.....	2	55
Godfreys Savanah.....	Thomas Ladson....	Samuel Dunlap.....	Josiah Miles.....	2	68
Lower Saltcatchers.....	David Ferguson....	Thomas ⁵⁷	Jacob Carter.....	2	84
Upper Saltcatchers.....	George Ford.....	Thomas Ford.....	George Ford Junr.	2	100
				2	131
				26	957
				Returned by Joseph Glover.	

⁵⁶ Last name torn out.

⁵⁷ Last name torn out.

Endorsed by Glover: The Colleton County, Regiment
—Return—

Endorsed by Henry Laurens: Return of the Colle-
ton County Regiment
5 August 1775.⁵⁸

[71.]

[ROLL OF CAPT. WILLIAM GASTON'S COMPANY.]

To the Council of Safety in Charles Town
South Carolina District Between Broad and Catawba Riv-
ers adjoining the new aquisition and Broad River September
25th 1775 we the subscribers hereto have in Compliance With
the Resolutions Entered into also Instructions given by the
Provincial Congress held in Charles Town on Saturday June
17th 1775 and for the purposes therein mentioned associated
and formed ourselves into a Volunteer Company of horse-
men And whereas by an Election held at the house of M^r
Francis Kirkpatrick this day by us the subscribers we have
duely Elected and Chosen William Gaston to be our Captain
Thomas Robins our first and James Kirkpatrick our Second
Lieutenants we therefore humbly pray you to grant and give
out Commissions or appointments for those our officers as
Chosen

⁵⁸ From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr. See *The Sunday News*, Charleston, S. C., March 5, 1899.

David Reed	Clayton Rogers	Jn ^o Sadler
James Reed	Francis Bab	
James Dougherty	Charles Gillmore	
Jo ^s M ^c Cook	⁵⁹	
James Robins	Robert Love	
William Bell	Moses Chery	
William Love	James M ^c Creon	
Andrew Woods	William Rogers	
James Bell	James Elliot	
Frs Kirk patrick	John Gillespie	
John Love	John Grant	
John gallher	James Grant	
Robert Elliott		
Joseph Robison		
Robert Kirk Patrick		
Harrison Bell		
Patrick Duffy		
John M ^c Cool		

Endorsed : Capt Fr: Kirkpatrick's
Volunteer Company ⁶⁰

⁵⁹ Name obliterated.

⁶⁰ From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr. See *The Sunday News*, Charleston, S. C., March 19, 1899.

[CAPT. JOHN CALDWELL'S PAY BILLS.]

Pay Bill of Captain Caldwell's Company in the Regiment of Rangers Commanded By William Thomson Esquire.

Names of Officers, Non Commission, Officers and Privates	Date of Commissions and Attestations	Pay when Due	Amount
John Caldwell Captain	18 June 1775. to the	26th July	£133.
Samuel Taylor 2d Lieutenant	17 July	26 July	20
Oliver Towles } Serjants	26 June	26 July	25
William Coffell }	15 July	26 July	9
David Murry	26 June	26 July	20
Laughlin Leonard	26 Ditto	26 Ditto	20
Andrew Huggins	26 Ditto	26 Ditto	20
John Huggins	26 Do	26 Do	20
James Huggins	26 Do	26 Do	20
William Huggins	26 Do	26 Do	20
Robert Owens	26 Do	26 Do	20
Andrew Caldwell	26 Do	26 Do	20
Benjamin Hodges	26 Do	26 Do	20
James Murry	26 Do	26 Do	20
John Mc Mahon	26 Do	26 Do	20
Robert Johnston	26 Do	26 Do	20
Charles Heard	26 Do	26 Do	20
William Forbes	26 Do	26 Do	20
Samuel Smith	26 Do	26 Do	20
William Cuningham ⁶¹	26 Do	26 Do	20

⁶¹ This is undoubtedly "Bloody Bill" Cuningham. It is commonly accepted that "Bloody Bill" was first a Whig and then a Tory. Sabine says so in his *American Loyalists*, and Judge O'Neill also says so in his *Annals of Newberry District*. There are several stories as to why he changed sides. Judge O'Neill says (*Annals of Newberry District*, sketch of Maj John Caldwell) that he had a nice horse that Capt. Caldwell had him whipped, and that in the controversy with Capt. Caldwell gave offense, and Capt. Caldwell mixed up the Cuningham story with that thereupon Cuningham deserted. Judge O'Neill probably mixed up the Cuningham story with that of Daniel McGirth, as it is the counterpart of the McGirth story. (See McCrady's *South Carolina in the Revolution, 1775-1780*; Johnson's *Traditions of the Revolution*; Harris' *Stories of Georgia*).

Roger Mc Kinnie.....	26.. Do	26.. Do	20.....	..	..
Timothy Mc Kinnie.....	26.. Do	26.. Do	20.....	..	..
John Mc Mahan Junr	26.. Do	26.. Do	20.....	..	..
Reuben Golding.....	26.. Do	26.. Do	20.....	..	..
John Eakins.....	26.. Do	26.. Do	20.....	..	..
Samuel Harper.....	26.. Do	26.. Do	20.....	..	..
Anthony Harper.....	26.. Do	26.. Do	20.....	..	..
Henry Willson.....	26.. Do	26.. Do	20.....	..	..
Daniel Clarke.....	26.. Do	26.. Do	20.....	..	..
Hezekiah Yancey	11 July.....	26.. Do	10.....	..	..
James Brown.....	14 July.....	26.. Do	8.....	..	..
			£705..	11..	3..

John Caldwell being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, maketh Oath that the above is a just and true Pay Bill of the men under his Command—

Sworn to Before me . . . {
this 26th September 1775 }

Geo^e Whitefield

Jn^o Caldwell ⁶²

Another tradition, given by the writer in his *History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782*, ascribed the cause of his desertion to the hanging, by Capt. Jacob Kumph, of a Tory brother of William Cuninghame. While this bears some semblance to the correct story it is much exaggerated and was only given by the writer as a tradition, and all traditions grow in the handing down process. A living member of the Cuninghame family is authority for the last story, which is probably approximately true, which is that a party of lawless Whigs took William's crippled brother out of his house at night and whipped him, and that when his mother interfered she was roughly treated. This caused William to desert and declare the venuetta. He joined the British and rose to the rank of Major of Royal Militia. When the British army left Charles Town "Bloody Bill" left with it and settled at Nassau, New Providence, where he became a pensioner on the British. His death at Nassau was announced in the *Charleston Morning Post & Daily Advertiser* of January 30, 1787. On the 16th of December, 1779, Gov. Rutledge issued a proclamation, which was published in *The Charleston Gazette*, January 17th and 18th, 1780, calling upon a number of deserters to surrender. Among these was William Cuninghame.

⁶² See Salley's *History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782*, p. 414; vol. I. of this magazine, p. 120, note. John Caldwell was the maternal uncle of John C. Calhoun. (O'Neill's *Annals of Newberry District*.)

Pay Bill of Captain Caldwell's Company in the Regiment of Rangers commanded by William Thomson
Esquire from 26th day of July to 26th August 1775.

Names of Officers, Non Commission Officers and Privates—		When Pay Commenced	Pay when Due	Amount	
John Caldwell Captain.....		26 July	26 August	£108..	10
Samuel Taylor 2d Lieut		26 July	26 August	..69..	15
Oliver Towles	} Serjants	26 July	26 August	..25	..
William Coffell		26 July	26 August	..25	..
David Murry.....		Ditto	Ditto	..20	..
Laughlin Leonard.....		Ditto	Ditto	..20	..
Andrew Huggins.....		Ditto	Ditto	..20	..
John Huggins.....		Ditto	Ditto	..20	..
James Huggins.....		Ditto	Ditto	20	..
William Huggins.....		Ditto	Ditto	20	..
Robert Owens.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Andrew Caldwell.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Benjamin Hodges.....		Do	Do	..20	..
James Murry.....		Do	Do	..20	..
John Mc Mahan.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Robert Johnston.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Charles Heard.....		Do	Do	..20	..
William Forbes.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Samuel Smith.....		Do	Do	..20	..
William Cunningham.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Roger Mc Kinnie.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Timothy Mc Kinnie.....		Do	Do	..20	..
John Mc Mahan Junr.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Reuben Golding.....		Do	Do	..20	..
John Eakins.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Samuel Harper.....		Do	Do	..20	..
Anthony Harper.....		Do	Do	..20	..

Henry Williams.....	..Do .....	..Do .....	...20	..	..
Daniel Clarke .....	..Do .....	..Do .....	...20	..	..
Hezekiah Yancey.....	..Do .....	..Do .....	...20	..	..
James Brown.....	..Do .....	..Do .....	...20	..	..
Carried Over			£768	5	—

Amount Brought Over					
	When Pay Commenced	Pay When Due	Amount		
Patrick Forbes.....	2 August.....	26 August.....	£768..	5..	—
James Banks.....	18. Ditto.....	26 Ditto.....	...16	—	8
George Patterson.....	18. Ditto.....	26 Ditto.....	...5..	0..	8
			£794.	6..	4..

John Caldwell being duly Sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, maketh Oath that the above is a just and true Pay Bill of the Men under his Command

Sworn to Before me }
this 26th September 1775. }
Geo: Whitefield

John Caldwell

Pay Bill of Captain Caldwell's Company in the Regiment of Rangers Commanded by William Thomson
Esquire from 26th day of Augt. to 26th Septemr 1775—

Names of Officers, Non-Commission Officers and Privates	when Pay Commenc'd	Pay when Due	Amount	
John Caldwell Captain.....	26 August.....	26 Sept'r.....	£108..	10
Samuel Taylor 2d Lieut.....	26 Augt.....	26 Sept'r.....	.69..	15
Oliver Towles } Serjants.....	26 Augt.....	26 Sept'r.....	.25..	—
William Coffell }	26 Augt.....	26 Sept'r.....	.25..	..
Dauid Murry.....	Ditto.....	Ditto.....	20	—
Laughlin Leonard.....	Ditto.....	Ditto.....	20	—
Andrew Huggins.....	Ditto.....	Ditto.....	20	..
John Huggins.....	Ditto.....	Ditto.....	20	..
James Huggins.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
William Huggins.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Robert Owens.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Andrew Caldwell.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Benjamin Hodges.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
James Murry.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
John Mc Mahon.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Robert Johnston.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Charles Heard.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
William Forbes.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Samuel Smith.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
William Cuninghame.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Roger Mc Kinnie.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Timothy Mc Kinnie.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
John Mc Mahan Junr.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Reuben Golding.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
John Eakins.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Samuel Harper.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Anthony Harper.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..
Henry Williams.....	Do.....	Do.....	20	..

Daniel Clarke.....	..Do.....	..Do.....	20	—
Hezekiah Yancey.....	..Do.....	..Do.....	20	..
James Brown.....	..Do.....	..Do.....	20	..
	Carried over		£768..	5
				..

	when Pay Commenc'd	Pay when Due	Amount
Amount Brought Over.....			£768..
Patrick Forbes.....	26 August.	26 Septemr	..20
James Banks.....	26 Augt	26 Sept'r	..20
George Patterson.....	26 Augt	26 Sept'r	..20
			£828
			5
			—

John Caldwell being duly Sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, maketh Oath that the above is a just and true Pay Bill of the Men under his Command

Sworn to before me }
this 26th September 1775 }

Geo^e. Whitefield

Jn^o Caldwell

Endorsed: Capt Caldwells
Paybills—
Capt Caldwell Pay Bills—

[73.]

[MELCHER GARNER TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ST. PAUL'S
PARISH.]

Addressed: To
The Representatives of
St Paul's Parish ⁶³

Gentlemen—

Wee received a letter from the General Committee, desiring us to have Stockade Forts built in Our Parish, wee will be much Obliged to you to Inform us in what manner the Expences are to be Defray'd, as wee are Entirely at a loss, how to Proceed,—wee allso Purpose meeting the Inhabitants, to Fix on such Place or Places as will be Thought most Convenient for the same, Wee Likewise will be obliged to you to send us a Plan of a Fort & the Necessary Buildings for Accommodating the Inhabitants & c^{co}—Their will be three Forts Erected in the Parish,—by Order of the Committee

Melcher Garner
Chair,,man

Tuesday y^e 26th Sept^r 1775

St Pauls Parish

Endorsed: Rec^d. 29

Endorsed also: Melcher Garner 26 Sept^r
1775. Read in Council
1st Sept^r 1775
Parochial Forts

[74.]

[PLAN AND ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS NECESSARY FOR FORT LYT-
TLETON. ⁶⁴

An Estimate of the Repairs wanted at Fort Lyttelton
For the Plat form 415 feet Long & 18 feet Wide. Viz_t

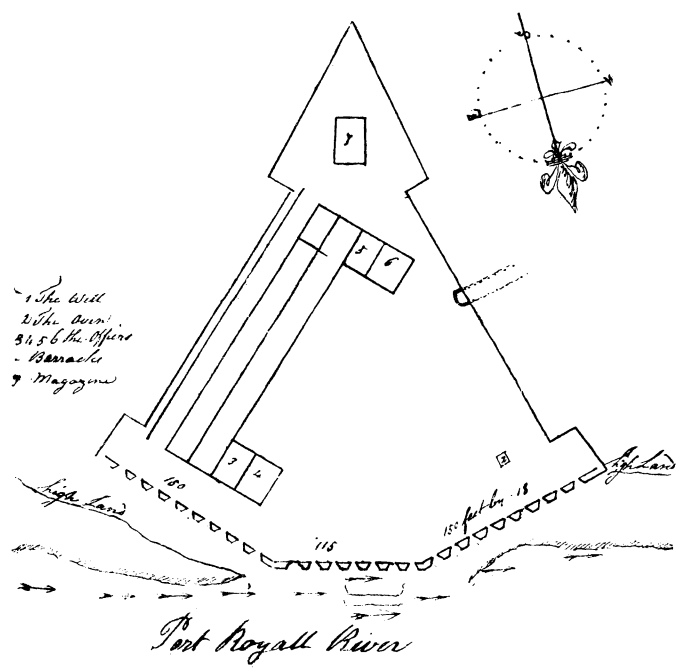
⁶³ The representatives for St. Paul's Parish, elected Aug. 7th and 8th, 1775, were : Thomas Ferguson, Capt. Benjamin Elliott, Charles Elliott, Capt. Robert Ladson, George Haig and Capt. William Skirving—*The South-Carolina Gazette*, Thursday, Sept. 7, 1775.

⁶⁴ See *South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* for October, 1900, p. 303.

8 M feet of 2½ Inch Plank	
4500 feet Joyce. 6x8	
2000 feet Cills . . 6x8	[Platform
2 Tapis Walls for the Cills under the	£1600..—..—
100 lb Spikes	
300 Bushels of Lime	
Bricklayer, Carpenters & Labourers	
a Tapis break water wall 268 yds	
6 M Bushels of Shells & Labourers . . . . .	... 446..—..—
5 M. Bricks for the Well & to Repair . .	
the Oven & Chimneys.	
5 M feet of Inch Boards to repair	
the Barracks, doors & Windows	
4 M Bushels of Lime for the Well, Offi-	... 635..—..—
ciers Barracks &c	
Carpenters, Plaisterers, Bricklayers	
and Labourers Wages	
Flooring and other Nails, Locks, Hing-	
es & Glasse for Gates, Doors & Windows.	... 91.. 5..—
Repairing Gun Carriages, Getting the	
guns out of the sand & up the Bank	
into the Fort & Mounting the same &	
Making Tomkins & other Necessa- 400..—..—
rys for the same with Ropes & Iron	
Work	
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	£3172.. 5..—

Endorsed : Estimate for repairs
of Fort Lyttelton
Read in Council
26 Septem 1775

Plan Endorsed : Plan of Fort Lyttel-
ton at Beaufort.
Rec'd 26 Septem 1775.



[75.]

[HENRY LAURENS TO WILLIAM HENRY DRAYTON.]

Charles-Town 27th Septem 1775

Sir—

On Saturday last we received your Letter of the 17th together with the sundry papers which you refer to⁶⁵ & if Capt Wilson is detained one day more we will send by him the Declaration & Treaty to be printed in London but shall defer a publication here until we have an opportunity of considering the propriety of such a measure in your presence which we suppose will happen in the course of a few days. The Intelligence from the Cherokees received in Mr. Wilkinson's Letter is very alarming,⁶⁶ we hope you have sent away the Good Warrior & his fellow travellers in good humour & that they will influence their Country Men to remain quiet & give us time to discover the perpetrators of the Murder intimated by Mr. Wilkinson—in the mean time we trust that you have taken proper measures for that purpose.

LeDespenser Packet arrived here from Falmouth with advices from London to the 3^d. August—Accounts in brief are that Administration were sending more Troops and ships of war to America determined to persevere in the execution of their plan—General Gage in his Acc^t of the Bunker Hill affair of the 17th June transmitted to Lord Dartmouth owns about 1056 of the Kings Troops Killed & Wounded & his number of Officers rather exceeds our early advices.—We have heard nothing since the first of August from our Delegates.

By order of the Council
of Safety

The Honble. W. H. Drayton

Endorsed: Copy 27. Septem. 1775W^m Henry Drayton

⁶⁵ See Gibbes's *Documents*, 1764-1776. ⁶⁶ *Ibid.*

[76.]

[HENRY LAURENS TO COL. WILLIAM MOULTRIE.]

Charles Town. 28. Septem 1775

Sir—

Lieutenant John Allen Walter having signified to us in writing dated the 22^o. Inst^o his desire to resign his Commission as Lientenant in your Regiment We have after due consideration Resolved that he be permitted to resign. you will therefore accept his Resignation in form & notify the same to us in order that the Vacancy which will thereby happen may be properly supplied.

By order of the Council of
Safety.

Coll^o Moultrie

Endorsed: Copy 28 Septem 1775
To Coll^o Moultrie

[77.]

[CAPT. JAMES JONES'S VOLUNTEER MILITIA COMPANY.]

We, whose names are here Underwritten, being deeply Impressed with the Calamitous Circumstances of the Inhabitants of America from the Oppressive Acts of the British Parliament, Tending to Enslave this Continent, do find it Necessary for the Security of our Lives and Fortunes, and above all, Our Liberty and Freedom, To Associate ourselves into a Volunteer Company under the Command of James Jones, And that we will hold ourselves in Readiness for Our mutual Security and Defence, to Obey all such orders as Shall be directed by our Provincial Congress.....

Henry Jourdon. Senr.—	William Limmix.....	John Maders—	Joshua Elkins—
Henry Jourdon. Junr...	Alexander Brunston...	George Brunston.....	Thomas Reavs. Senr
Joshua Stanley.....	John Ayers..	William Jones.....	Thomas Reavs. Junr
William Stanley.....	William Ayers.....	Henry Taylor.....	Thomas Limmix Senr
Moses Bennett.....	Stephen Frank.....	Jeremiah Brown.....	Thomas Limmix Junr
Samuel Pickings.....	Martin Loadholt—	Benjamin Byrd.....	Amos Limmix..
Josiah Brunston... ..	Jacob Maders.....	Lewis Lee.....	Jacob Besinger
Gustavas Gulfus.....	Jacob Hier.....	Solomon Peters.....	Ephriam Jones
Thomas Jones Senr....	Edmund Jones.....	John Tedders.....	Joseph Doelittle
Jacob Colson	William Wounell.....	Daniel Reavs.....	Daniel Buddiet
William Kierse.....	George Kierse—.....	John Morris..	Charles Morris
William Brunston	James Morris.....	William Wood..	Charles Cox...
John Taylor.....	Henry Peeples.....	Mark Tapley.....	Benjamin Odom
Joseph Sykes.....	Timothy Caffle..	Michael Odom.....	William Jones

Endorsed : Capt. James Jones's Com-
pany of Volunteers
at Salt Catchers—
Commissioned 28 Sept: 1775—⁶⁷

[78.]

[DR. DAVID GOULD TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.]

Addressed : To
The Worthy & Honourable Members
of the Council of Safety
for the Province
of
South Carolina

Illustrious Patriots./

If the most Pressing necessity shall not be deemed a sufficient apology for the singularity of this address ; I own myself unable to make any ; and must submit to your censure.—

Perhaps it may be no easy task to determine why the unhappy are solicitous to conceal their infelicity ; but certain it is, that this Propensity is so powerful : where any degree of delicacy presides in the mind : that every Person in the least acquainted with the human heart must be thoroughly convinc'd of its distress when compel'd to proclaim it.—

It is of but little consequence: Gentlemen for you to be inform'd that in the early part of my life I quit the Land of my nativity, and pass'd a number of years in the West Indies ; where the desire of independence enabled me to combat all the infirmities peculiar to that fatal Climate, till persevering diligence in the practice of medicine, had put me in possession of (what I tho't) a modest sufficiency for every future Care.—

⁶⁷ From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr. See *The Sunday News*, Charleston, S. C., March 12, 1899.

My unambitious views being thus satisfied, and the distresses which began to threaten my native Country (to which I feel every faculty of my soul indissolubly united determined me to return & share its destiny.—Accordingly all my property was shiped at different times, and on different Bottoms to North America, in one of which I took Passage myself; and after a most miserable & lengthy Voiage replete with inexpressible hazard and hardships I arriv'd at Boston a few days before General Gage; where I received the Melancholy news, that by ship-wreck & some other accidents to which Maritime affairs are liable, almost every shilling of my hard earn'd acquisitions was utterly lost.—

With a heavy, & almost disponding heart, I proceeded to New Jersey where I have two Children; and after spending some time with them, resolved to try my fortune one more among the Islands; in pursuance of this resolution on the 20th of March, I took shipping at New York & and Eleven days after was cast away at Cape Hatteras; from whence with much difficulty I got to Georgia; and being depriv'd by this accident of the very inconsiderable all, sav'd from my former misfortunes, have not had it in my Power to make a second attempt; and Consequently have ever since, been a destitute unhappy Wanderer, without a home.—

But the laudable preperations which are making for the preservation & defence of every sacred and valuable enjoyment, gives me leave to hope I may yet be rendered useful to society; and not intirely thrown by in the meridian of life, as a Worthless member in the Community.—I am not such a novice as to be ignorant of the obstacles which impede the success of a stranger, destitute of friends, interest, and acquaintance; and that employments are procured more easily by those who are more fortunate, but Gentlemen; let me beg you will oppose to those difficulties, the truely Pitiable situation to which I am reduc'd; and let this consideration excite you; generously to Imagine what it is impossible to discribe; the exquisite feelings of a Person of sensibility; accustomed to the Joys of society & the Conveniences of life; by fatal Mischances; at once secluded from both, Oblig'd to exist the

Child of dayly dependence, and compel'd by the indispensable calls of nature to accept the unpleasant Conditions.— (vile debasing necessity.) the universal benevolence of which your Characters bespeak you Possess'd; Join'd with these reflections; I flatter myself will supply the place of acquaintance, interest, & friends.—

Permit me Gentlemen; to inform you farther; that in the last War I spent several years in the service of my Country (chiefly in Character;) and during my residence in the Indies, served in a similar Capacity, for the verity of this I have sufficient vouchers; & should think myself happy in an opportunity of submitting them to the inspection of your Patriotick and honourable Board.—

Now Gentlemen: If, on perusing this Paper you shou'd think proper in any manner to honour me with your Commands, I shall endeavour to evince my gratitude by discharging any trust reposed in me, to the best of my abilities & with the utmost integrity.—

But on the Contrary: if my suit is fruitless, and I am given over a Prey to despair; I hope humanity & goodness of heart will induce you to Pardon this trouble & presumption of a stranger; and forget the author; who cou'd never have been put on this expedient but as his last resources. —

I have the honour to be with all Possible

Respect: Worthy & Respectable

Gentlemen your very obed^t

& Most devoted

Chas^s Town
27 Sep^r 1775

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Humble servant

David Gould ⁶⁸

P. S. any Commands directed to the
care of Doct^r John Budd will }
be immediately obeyed.——— }

Endorsed: David Gould 27 Sept^r 1775

Rec^d & Read in Council

28th

⁶⁸ "Gould, David (Va). Hospital Surgeon, 8th September, 1777; Senior Hospital Surgeon in Virginia, 11th October, 1779; died 12th July, 1781."—*Officers of the Continental Army* (F. B. Heitman.)

[79.]

[HENRY LAURENS TO THE GEORGIA COUNCIL OF SAFETY.]

Charles Town So Carolina
29th Septem 1775.

Gentlemen

We wrote to you by the last Post to which we beg leave to refer—As the time approaches for the intended meeting of the Indian Commissioners at Salisbury in North Carolina & as the late accident of a Cherokee murdered & two more wounded by unknown White Men renders it essential for them to meet on the day appointed or sooner if possible, we embrace this favourable opportunity by the hands of Capt John Joiner for transmitting to you extracts from the Resolutions of the Continental Congress & from Letters from our Delegates together with a Copy of the Talk intended for the Indians & although you may have already received some of these, the repetition will be less prencious than the want of any one part would be.—

We think the necessary alterations to be made & the signing of Mr Hancocks name will be best done by the Commissioners when they are altogether therefore we have not attempted it.—We shall send duplicates of the papers now inclosed to you to Mr Galphin & Mr Wilkinson by expresses this day & you will furnish Mr Rae with proper copies & such Instructions as you shall judge proper.—We are extremely glad to learn you have made a father acquisition of Gun Powder, the utmost frugality in the consumpt of what we have & Industry to add to our stores are equally necessary.—

By order of the Council of
Safety

Council of Safety.

Savanna

Endorsed: Copy 29th Septem
1775

To The Council of Safety
at Savanna

[80.]

[HENRY LAURENS TO WILLIAM ERVEN.]

Charles Town So Carolina
29th Septem 1775.

Sir——

In answer to one part of your Letter of the 22^d Inst I in-
treat you to believe that my remark upon a former Letter re-
ceived from your Council of Safety without date was very
innocently made & without meaning to give offence, tis my
usual practice in corresponding, to Note the dates of Letters
received as well as of such as I have written while these re-
main unacknowledged—omissions of dates are sometimes dis-
covered even in the Letters of the most accurate & leisurely
writers—Men who are full of business are more liable to such
mistakes—& none more excusable for small undesigned er-
rors that those who continually labour for the public—if this
rule is not extended to me I shall be as full of blame as I am
of faults every day—therefore I hope there will be reciprocal
kindness & indulgence & you may rest assured of all proper
respect & attention on the part of Sir

Your most Obed^t Servt.

H L——

Endorsed: Copy to W. Erven
Esquire——

29 Sept 1775

[81.]

[HENRY LAURENS TO LADY SARAH CAMPBELL.⁶⁹]

Madam

I am ordered by th C of S to acquaint Your Ladyship
that such a Message by the hands of two Gentlemen was sent

⁶⁹ September, 1775, Lord William Campbell, the Royal Governor of
South Carolina, having become alarmed at the power of the Council
of Safety, withdrew from his home in Charles Town (the large brick

this afternoon to Ld W C. intreating His Excellency to return to C T— as the Council have hopes will induce His Ldship to gratify the wishes of the People & that nothing but the expectation of seeing His Ldship in Charles Town to Morrow has prevented their giving such orders as would have secured Your Ldyship, a safe passage to the Tamar with^t hindrance or trouble—

If his Excy the Gov declines the Invitation which is sent Your Ladship may rest assured that I will immedy^y apply for the Order & send it to Y^r Ladship if granted

Ans by 29 Sept^r 1775.

Endorsed : Copy to Lady Will^m
Campbell 29 Sept^r 1775

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house now known as 34 Meeting Street) and went on board the man-of-war Tamar, then lying in Rebellion Roads. He was invited by the Council of Safety to return, but declined to do so. Lady Campbell evidently wrote to the Council of Safety to secure permission to join her husband, and this is the Council's reply. It is written on the blank side of a leaf of paper that was probably torn from the sheet upon which Lady Campbell wrote, for it contains the following address in a pretty hand :

To—

The Hon^{ble} Henry Laurens Esq^r
President of the Council of Safety
Chas^s Town